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Masanari KOBAYASHI et al. : Patent Art Unit: 3618

Serial No. 10/565,394 : Examiner Hau Van Phan

Filed: January 23, 2006 : Confirmation No. 2050

For: ENGINE EXHAUST SYSTEM FOR : AMENDMENT AFTER

A VEHICLE : FINAL REJECTION

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application:

[X] No additional fee is required.

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TOTAL 17	- 20 =	0	x 25 = \$	x 50 = \$
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[] 1ST PRESENTATION OF MULT. DEP. CLAIM			+ 185 = \$	+ 370 = \$
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the February 28, 2008 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the *Listing of Claims*, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-12, 14-16 and 18-22 are pending, with claims 2, 4, 10, 14 and 19 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.